

A Note from the Director:

I would like to thank each of you that made it out and participated in our visioning session and SWAT analysis that was held on Friday October 27th at Hope Ridge United Methodist Church. We were able to gather a lot of information in a short period of time that will help guide us over the next few years.

While we still have some work to do to develop the full strategic plan, I want to share with you some of what we have already done. We have created a list of client rights and responsibilities as well as a grievance procedure that will now be sent out to each person who completes an intake for assistance. We have also taken a hard look at and revised our mission statement and created a vision for the Lake County Community Network.

The coming months are going to be very busy for the Board of Directors as they evaluate the data that has been gathered and create a plan that will not just keep LCCN around, but will also help it grow to its full potential. Please keep them in prayer as they continue this process.

In Service, Melina

Mission Statement:

The Lake County Community Network partners with local churches and other community partners to assist those in critical financial need by providing funds, making referrals, and education.

Vision:

The Lake County Community Network strives to unite Lake County churches and other partners in an effort to end poverty.

Next Board Meeting

Monday, Nov. 20th

Grace Episcopal Church, 36200 Ridge Rd, Willoughby

Short meeting, including 2018 budget presentation, followed by fellowship.

Bring an appetizer to share.



More Than A Number

I did a research project on homelessness last semester for my English class. One of the books I used for this project was EVICTED by Matthew Desmond. The stories in the book are both heartbreaking and eye opening. There are many statistics listed throughout the book but there was one that stood out to me the most. "Today, the majority of poor renting families in America spend over half of their income on housing, and at least one in four dedicates over 70 percent to paying the rent and keeping the lights on" (4). It is exactly this reason that the Lake County Community Network is here. We are here to offer a hand up when families who are generally making ends meet face a situation that threatens their housing.

Recently a family was referred to us for rental assistance. Both mom and dad have jobs and they are usually able to make ends meet and provide a home for their teenage daughter. In August the mom's hours were temporarily cut back at work causing them to fall behind on their rent. The family communicated with their landlord and gave him everything they could each pay, however it was not enough to cover the full rent. At the point they came to us they owed a portion of September and October rent which totaled \$250. Because the mom's hours had increased back to full time the family would be able to cover all of November's rent. Because of the generous donations of our partner churches LCCN was able to send a check to the landlord to cover the balance due on the previous two months' rent, enabling the family to get back on track.

First Baptist Church of Painesville



10801 Johnnycake Ridge Rd, Painesville

Phone: 440-354-4454

Website: fbcpainesville.org

Services and Programs:

Sunday Service: 10:30am

Adult Sunday School: 9-10am

Childcare during services



27th Annual Community Thanksgiving Dinner

Thursday, November 23rd from 11am to 2pm

Mentor United Methodist Church, 8600 Mentor Avenue, Mentor

Dinner is free, no reservations needed

For information, call 440-255-3496 between 9am & 4pm

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Client Assistance for September, 2017

Clients assisted for September: 27 (for rent, electric, gas)

YTD assisted: 271

Assistance for September: \$3,419.42

YTD Assistance: \$38,084.02

Referrals: 17

